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GOES AFTER FEDERAL

OFFICE HOLDERS.

New York April 7.—The report of a special committee of the National Civil Service Reform League goes after Federal officers for political activity. The report says in part:

Reports of undue political activity on the part of federal office holders appearing in the press of the country were gathered together through the aid of an efficient clipping bureau. These were examined and the persons mentioned in them were written to with requests for full information, correction or denial. The replies were carefully inspected and the most important of these cases were followed up by an investigation by an assistant secretary of the League, on the spot. Final drafts of our conclusions were submitted to all office holders and political leaders who were unfavorably involved.

Charges of coercion of office holders by the president to secure the nomination of a particular candidate have been inquired into, but evidence to sustain those charges is wholly lacking. President Roosevelt's appointment lists for a considerable period were, with his permission, examined. From those lists it would appear that presidential appointments prior to the convention were made in the usual manner on the recommendation of senators, congressmen and others claiming the patronage of the offices involved.

President Roosevelt took a decided step in advance toward checking the

evils resulting from the activity of office holders in politics by his order of June 3, 1907, amending the civil service rules by forbidding employees in the competitive service from taking part in political management or in political campaigns. This order was enforced in the last campaign.

The official roll of delegates to the Republican National Convention at Chicago was compared with the latest government Blue Book. It was found that of the delegates to the Chicago convention federal office holders constituted one in ten and of the delegates from the Southern states nearly one in three, and of some Southern states, more than half.

These organizations controlled by office holders are mainly interested in the distribution of the patronage and the naming of delegates to conventions. It is not to the interest of these office holding cliques to elect republican congressmen or to bring about party growth and party success, which would mean curtailment or loss of the control of the patronage.

The conditions in regard to the activity of unclassified federal office holders in politics are at their worst in the South, but throughout the country, in accordance with established custom, they are expected to be active in primaries and conventions in the interest of those to whom they owe their appointment and by whose favor they are continued in office. This leads to neglect of official duty and absenteeism on a large scale, and the government is now paying large sums in salaries to officials whose main interest and activity is devoted to politics, while their offices are left in the control of subordinates.

The active participation by persons who have a personal interest at stake in caucuses, primaries, conventions

and elections seriously interferes with a free choice of candidates by the people and in some parts of the country actually prevents it. The federal office holders number over 300,000, of which number one-third are still outside the civil service rules. These higher officers, wielding wide political influence through their official positions and subject to possible dictation from Washington will, as long as they are permitted to take an active part in politics, constitute a menace to free institutions.

As the most effective and immediate remedies for existing conditions, the Committee urges: (1) the extension by the President of the classified, competitive service to the utmost limit that the law allows; (2) legislation by Congress permitting the classification of the officers whose appointment is now subject to confirmation by the Senate, but who perform purely ministerial functions; (3) a clearer definition and strengthening of the executive order governing political activity in the unclassified service and the vesting of the power to investigate cases arising under this order in the Civil Service Commission or some other body independent of departmental dictation.

ADMIRING THOUSANDS

VIEW CADET PARADE.

Immense throngs of people along Main street and around the court house plaza viewed the parade and drill of the battalion of the Military Institute at nine o'clock this morning. The procession of soldiers was led by the cadet band, playing inspiring martial music and the scene made an interesting side attraction for the visiting gentlemen and their friends. The battalion executed a beautiful drill in Butts' manual in the court house square, that was enjoyed by all who viewed it.

MANY BEAUTIFUL CARS

IN AUTOMOBILE PARADE.

The automobile parade of the convention was pulled off according to schedule at 1.30 this afternoon, starting at the Military Institute and passing south on Main, past the judges' stand on the balcony at the Grand Central hotel and moving through some of the residence streets, back to Main, where the school girls gave their places in the cars to visitors. There were 43 cars in line, which included more than a third the number of automobiles in Roswell, and there were not seats enough in the cars for the ladies alone.

An accurate account of the entries in the parade is an impossibility. The constitutional fault of auto drivers, that of running too fast, was apparent on this occasion and the people did not get a good view of the cars; neither could a report of each car be secured, for the same reason. However, the parade made a pretty appearance and there were many beautiful cars in line. Among the most attractive cars noted were the pink car of Hugh Lewis, the B. P. O. E. car of Chas. McFreest, the N. M. M. I. car, one by the cadets and the other Dr. Kinard, C. L. Ballard's cowboy girls, O. Z. Finley and Dr. E. M. Fisher's gunboats, Will Johnson's Yellow beauties, T. J. Ray and many others.

The judges were T. S. Hughes, of Clarendon; Lee Bivens of Amarillo, and Mrs. W. C. Isaacs, of Canadian. They were unable to give a verdict at the conclusion of the parade, as they did not get to look at the cars long enough, but asked for a second view of the B. P. O. E. car of Charles McFreest, the Hugh Lewis pink car, the Dr. Fisher gunboat with the Goddess of Liberty and the Runabout that was numbered 11, owned by J. W. Stites.

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PAYNE BILL INCREASES

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

Washington, April 5.—The most easily understood feature of the Payne tariff bill is that it increases the authorization of the interest-bearing bonds from \$100,000,000 to \$250,000,000 in any year to run for that year, and that too in a period of profound peace. To issue bonds, thereby creating a new indebtedness is simply postponing the evil day, for they must be paid at least with interest.

Minority leader Champ Clark was talking on the Payne tariff bill. And practically in the opening sentence he directed attention to a feature in the bill the importance of which has been overlooked by nearly everyone.

The authorization of an additional \$150,000,000 bond issue—in any one year to run for that year—as Mr. Clark pointed out, means something. Briefly, this is what it means: Because of the unparalleled extravagance of the republican party in the last eight years the government is spending more than \$100,000,000 every year in excess of what it takes in. In the coming four years the deficit according to estimates already made, will double the one hundred million dollar mark. The administration finds that even though the Payne bill should become a law, not nearly enough revenue can be raised to offset the extravagance of the machine in charge of the government appropriations. How can a crisis be averted or delayed? Was the question before the ways and means committee. Two ways outside of taxes suggested themselves. One was to cut down expenses. That would mean "no jobs for lame ducks" and decreased appropriations for political navy yards. The ways and means committee decided the easiest way for the republican party to "get from under" would be via an increased bond issue.

The framers of the Payne bill said Mr. Clark do not use the unpopular word bond, but substitute therefore the more euphonic word certificate which would mislead nobody, for a certificate and a bond are one and the same.

"We insist that instead of an increase of taxes or a new issue of interest-bearing certificates or bonds, the correct remedy for the growing deficiency in the revenues is the Jeffersonian principle of 'economy in the public expense' that labor may be lightly burdened."

Washington, April 6.—The Republican party has suddenly awakened to a realization of irreparable losses as a result of its fight over Cannon and the House rules. The dissension today existing in the ranks is of such serious proportions in the opinion of many as to practically insure a Democratic majority for the next Congress. The "insurgents" of the Republican party have said "good bye" to the "standpat" for all time. This may be put down as final and authentic. Indications are the split in the national republican situation will be very similar to that in the Iowa state Republican party. It is not unlikely that within the next year or two there will grow out of the present insurgent forces a national "progressive" party. That the regular organization is in utter disrepute with a large percentage of Republican voters can not be denied. The party has put its "O K" in large, black letters on Speaker Cannon and the oligarchy that he works with. It refused to see the handwriting on the wall, and must take the consequences.

Word toward organizing the various "insurgents" forces in various parts of the country will begin at once, in order for use in the next Congressional elections in 1911. The work will be done very quietly and in all probability without making any general announcements that would tend to attract the attention of the "standpat-

JACOB CHAVES, Supt. of Insurance.



P. M. A. LIENAU, Deputy.

Territory of New Mexico INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Santa Fe, February 19, 1909.

Occidental Life Insurance Company,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:— This department begs to report, as the result of the recent examination made as of December 31, 1908, by Mr. Paul L. Woolston consulting actuary and examiner employed in this department.

ASSETS

FIRST— That the company had approved admitted assets as of December 31, 1908, amounting to \$132,627.22; non-admitted assets, \$4,886.00. The deeds and abstracts of titles, and all other necessary papers were carefully checked over and found to be in perfectly good order.

LIABILITIES

SECOND— The net liabilities to policy holders, computed upon the Actuaries' table of Mortality with 4 per cent interest, was \$30,832.00.

SURPLUS

THIRD— That the company had a net admitted surplus to policy holders of \$100,157.89.

MORTALITY

FOURTH— That mortality experience of the Company has been extremely favorable; death claims have been promptly paid, and the Company appears to have upon its books, a business most excellently selected.

INTEREST

FIFTH— The rate of interest received by the Company upon its investments is considerably in excess of rate assumed on the calculation of its premiums and legal reserve.

ACCOUNTS

SIXTH— Its records and accounting systems are now being accurately kept, in accordance with the requirements of this Department.

COMMENT

The company has given us every assistance in making this examination, and are willing to adopt suggestions from this department which are made for the benefit and protection of policy holders.

Generally this Department feels justified in commending the Occidental Life Insurance Company for the conservatism shown in its operations and economy; both of which tend to uphold its financial strength and standing in our Territory.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) JACOB CHAVEZ,

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